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**MAY 1983**

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Wednesday, June 15th, 1983

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## Where Are They Now?

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to shortage of space in the last few issues of the Blue Banner, we have not been able to publish this feature. The following names have been on file for some time and we apologize if the information is no longer accurate. Please continue to send in information though, as this column has not been forgotten.

ALEXANDER ROMAN—currently working on a Ph.D. in sociology at York University and is also a tutorial assistant.

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JOSEPH COLLINS—is Principal of St. Michael's School in Thornhill.

BRIAN DUNN—is a partner in the law firm of Field, Turner, Dunn and Lynch in Toronto.

## Where Are All The 1982-83 Buzzers Going

As the Banner goes to print, Coach Cornacchia has informed us that he will be losing a number of key players next year: DAVID MAROTTA to Princeton; MIKE FRANCHETTO and MIKE SNELL to Ferris State College; DOUG CLARKE to Colorado College; CHRIS CALLAGHAN, JOE PELINO and TOM WEBSTER to the University of Toronto; KEN VOPNI and STEWART CATTERALL to Colby College; KERR KINGSTON to York University; RICK MULLIGAN to Lawrence University and PETER MARGIE to Brown. CRAIG DUNCANSON and JOHN ENGLISH will be drafted very high in the upcoming Major Jr. "A" draft.

The team finished third in the FULLAN DIVISION of the Metro Jr. "B" League. They won two play-off series: 3 games to 1 against Port Credit and Wexford before losing to Henry Carr 4 games to 1 in the Division Finals. Overall, it was a very good year. Congratulations to the team and RICK CORNACCHIA.



# From The Principal's Desk

*Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.*

The calendar says it's spring, nature says it's spring (though reluctantly), but the view from this desk, and likely from yours too, is autumn. Education, like business and politics, functions on a June-in-January time frame, moving into the next academic year even before the current one is underway.

It is in this kind of "fast-forward" mood that I offer some comments on an event in your lives that may need lead time, not in terms of months but of years.

## Like Father, Like Son

I am thinking about the entry of your sons and daughters into high school. Many of you may wish to send your sons to St. Michael's, and that is very good. However, there are some new realities in place that have changed the procedures for entry into a Catholic high school. They are these: grades 9 and 10 are now operated by the Metropolitan Separate School Board (MSSB) and only separate school supporters residing within the boundaries of Metro are eligible to send their sons and daughters to a Catholic High School. Non-ratepayers may do so, if space is available... a diminishing prospect, however, as the trend to Catholic secondary education increases. In the case of St. Michael's, the number applying for grade 9 in September 1983 was 336 for 200 places.

## Counting Sheep

In November I spoke about a plan (Operation Lost Sheep) to search out the 4,000 grads whose whereabouts is unknown. The class of '62 was chosen as a pilot group. A primitive list of members of their class was developed. For the most part the addresses and phone numbers in our records were no longer valid. By letting our "fingers do the walking through the *white* pages," a core group of twenty was re-discovered and invited to a reunion meeting on January 11, 1983. It was a joyful experience. Most had not seen one another for 20 years and the excitement generated by this mini-reunion made them eager to locate the rest of their class. Each of the twenty took away five to ten names and were asked to search them out and return in three weeks with the addresses and phone numbers. Three weeks later they came back with some of their classmates rediscovered, but many more unlocatable. The magnitude of the project became apparent. The *white* pages helped but other sources would also be necessary. The group requested more time and set a date for a third meeting.

While the challenge was bigger than expected, so was the pleasure and satisfaction of speaking with classmates of twenty years earlier. At the time of writing this article, the core group of the class of '62 has met five times, has located ninety of the one hundred and sixty members of their class and is planning a class reunion for Saturday, June 25.

The Alumni Organization is applying this experience of re-assembling the class of '62 to the next two classes to be assembled—the classes of '63 and '61. It is our hope to be able to call a meeting of one of these two classes

before the end of this academic year. The Class of '62 experience has made it clear that our grads want to recontact one another, their school and their teachers, and while the organizational effort to bring this about is formidable, the experience of meeting after twenty, twenty-five, thirty years is more than worth it. Let me send out an invitation to other years: if you would like to be part of a core group to re-assemble your graduating class, please call myself (653-3180) or the President, Dan Brennan (368-6104).

## Help Where It Is Needed

An area of school life that is of concern to all is the rising cost of educating a student in grades 11, 12 and 13 at St. Michael's. I mentioned in November that the average annual cost to parents in these grades is \$1,425.00 and rising. While this represents only 1/3 of the actual cost, it is nevertheless a considerable sum and is making it impossible for many students to consider St. Michael's, or any Catholic school for that matter, for their secondary education. There is need for the school to improve its ability to help these students. No student should be deterred from considering St. Michael's for his education, nor should any boy have to leave St. Michael's because of financial need. While some bursary funds are available, more are needed.

If any alumnus sees the establishment of a bursary in the name of a loved one or a friend as a way to remember and at the same time help, this would be most welcome. It would ensure that any boy who wishes to make his needs known, will be able to receive some help. Please contact me, if you would like to donate to the St. Michael's Bursary Fund. Receipts for tax purposes can be issued for such donations or bequests.

## It Happened 1950 Years Ago This Year!

The declaration of 1983-84 as an extra-ordinary Holy Year by Pope John Paul took every one by surprise. It makes the 1950th anniversary of mankind's redemption through the death and resurrection of Christ. The Pope's intent is to raise the consciousness of Christians to the role that their faith in the mystery of redemption can play in helping the world through the unprecedented climate of crisis it is presently experiencing. Sin is the factor that is at the heart of every world crisis and only Christ can save us from the sin that is so enflaming world tensions at this time.

The last time an extra-ordinary Holy Year was declared (normally Holy Years are declared every quarter century, the last one being in 1975) was in 1933 when Pius XI saw the crisis of Hitler and the world-wide economic depression as serious enough to summon the Christian world to call upon the Redeemer to pour out the power of Good Friday and Easter Sunday upon a world struggling with sin. 1933 was, of course, the 1900th anniversary of Redemption. In 1983, the 1950th anniversary of Redemption, the Pope sees the world situation just as serious, if not more so, and asks all who believe in Christ as Saviour to live this faith more earnestly this year as an act of love and service for the world.

Best wishes to all and may the graces of Redemption be yours in abundance during this special Holy Year.

# The '50's Again!

You missed a great party at our '50's Dance if you weren't at St. Michael's Gym on Saturday, April, 9! The one hundred and seventy people who attended this Alumni event, run by GEORGE LACEBY and PAUL THOMSON, enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the '50's provided by The Common Bond. Several of those in attendance dressed up in the attire of that period. (Where did they find those sad-

dle shoes, felt skirts, and SMC sweaters??) The BILL ROSENITSCHs, the JOE TRUBICs, the GRAHAM KINGs, the BANNON BROTHERS, and many of their friends looked like they had stepped out of "Happy Days" and sure added to the atmosphere of the evening. Also in attendance and looking just as lovely was our Double Blue Queen from 1961, MARIE (LONGO) TAM, with the same date she had that evening, her husband RON.

The Gym was decorated with blue and white balloons and a delicious buffet was served later in the evening. FRANK and MARY PAT KIELTY won a weekend for two donated as a door prize by the Sheraton Centre. Other prizes were donated by Hiram Walkers, BARRY McDERMOT, St. Mike's Bookstore and Paul Wilson.

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Chairman Mills and Third Generation Graphics to the success of this night.

All in all, it was a fun night for those who were there and should we have future events like this, those of you who didn't make it to our '50's Dance, should make every effort to attend and not miss out on all the fun and the chance to renew old acquaintances.

## A Class Act of "62"

Joe Pastor

The class of 1962 is serving as a pilot group in the Old Boys' current PROJECT LOST SHEEP to update the alumni rolls and perhaps to eventually publish an Old Boys' Directory. A group of '62' grads, working since February, sometimes like private eyes, have managed to uncover most of their classmates, and are planning a reunion on June 25th.

The class of '62' has made its mark on society, leaving very few scars. Many, like STAN SALKAUSKIS, BOB BEAR, TOM LONG, PHIL HALLORAN, ARAS BALSYS and MARTIN YOUNG are medical doctors. RICK STYKA is a Doctor of Dentistry, VINCE MURPHY, a Doctor of Philosophy, and FR. BOB BARRINGER, C.S.B. a Doctor of Theology. So if you need your body, mind or soul attended to, you know where to turn.

The business world has been enhanced by the likes of JOE DeRIMIGIS, AL KRETSCH, STAN KAMSKI and JOHN CHARLTON. Engineers include MIKE GILMOR, RON DUPONT, JOHN KNOWLES and ED FUDURICH, now V.P. of

Canadian Press. ED SARAFIAN is both lawyer and engineer, so he knows how to rig a jury. ANDRE DEMPSEY, Q.C., has been practicing criminal law for years and hasn't been arrested yet!

ROWLAND DUNNING and KEVIN BURKETT are working for the Ontario government. Some, like DON SHANAHAN, MARIO VENDRAMINI and yours truly, enjoyed school so much, they decided not to leave, and are now teaching. BILL DINEEN is a sportscaster in Springfield, Mass. BILLY MACMILLAN is General Manager of the New Jersey Devils, proving that we all can't be successful as we'd like. There are many more grads we would like to hear from.

### REUNION 1962

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### Class of "62"—Lost Sheep

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Richard Styka, Victor D'Attolica, Andre Dempsey, John Charlton, Joseph DeRemigis, Jack DeChiara, Edward Fudurich.

Absent: M. Spadacini, S. Salkauskis, Joe Pastor, M. Gilmour, R. Dupont, A. Caldona.

# St. Michael's Students Win Top Honours at Metro Science Fair

On the weekend of April 8 to 10th, the Metropolitan Toronto Science Fair was held at the Ontario Science Centre. The Science Fair is an annual event open to all students in the Metro area. Early in the school year, thousands of students begin working on science projects, and shortly after New Year's, classroom presentations begin. Students who have shown excellence in their work are encouraged to apply to the Metro Wide Science Fair. This year, there were ninety-three exhibits at the Fair chosen from three hundred and fifty applicants. Exhibits are slotted in various categories, such as Life Sciences, Applied Science and Engineering, and Physics and Mathematics. These projects are then examined extensively by a committee of expert judges representing the Toronto scientific community. When the results of this year's competition were disclosed, a relatively large contingent of St. Michael's students were awarded prizes.

Prize winners included TONY RODRIGUES, MATTHEW COLLINS, ROB LePONE, DAVID CONFALONIER, FRANK LaMANNOR, IGNAZIO CARBONE, GREG O'NEILL, and honourable mention to PAUL MALCOVITCH. Perhaps the most significant of the honours awarded to St. Michael's students was the second place selection of RAYMOND SHU in the Life Sciences category. Raymond, a grade twelve student, was one of only six students chosen to represent Toronto at the Canada Wide Science Fair to be held in Saskatoon during May. Raymond's project, "The Effects of Electrical Stimulation on Cellular Reproduction in Vitro" impressed all the judges, and a photograph of Ray along with a discussion of his work appeared in The Toronto Star.

Raymond's experiments show that when a small, continuous current is applied to a culture of amoeba cells, it enhances their normal rate of reproduction. These results have implications for humans in that similar techniques may significantly enhance the normal repair mechanisms in people badly burned or cut. In preparing his work, Raymond was forced to overcome serious methodological problems and at times, it looked as though he might not be able to design an adequate test of his ideas. Through

sheer determination and with the support of several professors at the University of Toronto whom Raymond had contacted, this courageous Grade twelve student succeeded in performing a scientific investigation that would be considered outstanding for science students at an under-graduate level.

Raymond and the other students at the Science Fair are a source of pride for all individuals in the St. Michael's community, and we would like to express our deepest thanks for their efforts. We at St. Michael's and the Alumni wish Raymond the best of luck in Saskatoon.

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TOM MEECHAN, a grade 10 student, recently placed 3rd in the District "D", Royal Canadian Legion Poetry Contest. His award winning poem is printed below.

## A Poppy For Thought

*Tom Meechan*

What Solemn significance  
For this floral instrument of recollection  
Can win our attention each November  
And turn our thoughts to reflection  
Upon wars we cannot "remember"?

What in the poppy's plaintive pollen  
Could have such worth for young men to smell:  
The thought of hundreds of countrymen fallen  
In such a trying, war-torn hell?

As I attach the poppy  
And the pin pierces my coat  
I think of metal piercing flesh  
Of Canadians in battles remote.

The poppy's pretty splash of red  
On veterans' coats does still remind us  
Of crimson stains that decorated our dead  
In conflicts they helped put behind us.

So we must never leave forgotten  
The great struggles these ones endured  
Or the battles which they fought in  
That our well-being might be insured.

The flower of the dead  
Worn by the flower of youth.  
Hopeful we won't experience how  
They discovered the horrid truth.

That war looms like an indefatigable scourge  
As the cry goes out, "Never again!"  
And today as the bugle wails its dirge  
We pray that to war we will put an end.

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## S.M.C. Students Speak Out

ANDREW DEPASS, a grade 11 student has achieved notable success in a number of public speaking contests this year. In the Royal Canadian Legion Competition, he placed first and in the Zone Finals, he placed second. In yet another public speaking competition, The Lions International Effective Speaking Contest, he was first. He will now go on to represent Ontario in the Lions nation wide Speech Festival to be held in Quebec City.

DANIELE ZANOTTI, a grade nine student, has recently taken part in The Royal Canadian Legion Competition and has advanced through the District and Zone levels to the Provincial Finals to be held in Timmins. Congratulations to both Andrew and Daniele and their coach, FR. ROBERT KASUN C.S.B.

# Blue Raider Basketball '82-83'

*D. Prendergast (Sr. Coach)*

The Raider Basketball teams once again enjoyed a very successful season.

The Senior Raiders won the T.D.C.A.A. championship going through the season and play-offs undefeated. The Seniors downed Michael Power in the T.D.C.A.A. finals, 59-54. In the Metro Regional Tournament, they defeated Westview Centennial, Oakwood and Eastern Commerce before bowing to George Harvey in the finals, 64-59. The Raiders went on to represent Toronto in the All Ontario "Golden Ball" tournament, where they made it to the semi-finals before falling to the eventual Provincial Champions, Cameron Heights of Kitchener, 55-43. Quite a season! The Raiders were ranked No. 2 in Toronto, No. 4 in the Province. They were led by the now famous, "twin towers", 6' 11" GEORGE PAPADAKAS and 6' 10" SEAN DODDS—both of whom will be leaving this year to play ball at an American Division 1 college. George will be playing at Syracuse and Sean at either Cornell or Niagara.

George will be replacing Leo Rautins at Syracuse as Leo moves on to the N.B.A. AL SAPLYS and TONY MELO are two other graduates who made outstanding contributions to the team. Although six players graduate this year, there is a strong contingent of fine players moving up from the Juniors.

The Junior Raiders has a great year. They lost a squeaker to St. Basil's in the T.D.C.A.A. finals. They were finalists in the All-Ontario Catholic Junior Tournament. They were Consolation champions in the Metro Junior championships. They finished the season with a record of 27 wins and 10 losses.

The Bantams had a 31-3 season, winning the T.D.C.A.A. championship and going undefeated in league and play-off play. They were finalists in the prestigious George Harvey tournament and won the Consolation championship in the St. Robert's tournament. Two big 6' 5" fourteen year olds, BERNARD JACKSON and EUGENE BASILIO, ensure a bright future for basketball at St. Michael's.

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## Junior Hockey Team Ends Season On An Exciting Note

Followers of the St. Mike's Junior Hockey Team (boys 16 and under) had many anxious moments as the team played two tie games with Senator O'Connor and went into overtime in the third game before ending its season at the 5:21 mark as Carson Donahoe scored for O'Connor in playoff action.

The first game ended 2-2 as Captain Mike O'Shea scored at the 9:55 mark of the third period to tie the score. Final score in the second game was 4-4 when Sam Santonato evened the count with 2:09 remaining in the game.

It was Santonato who sent the third game into overtime with 6:24 left in the third period. The team ended its regular season with a 6-5-3 record. In exhibition games the team had a 12-2-4 record.

The most satisfying aspect of the season was the winning of the Gold Medals in the Francis Libermann Tournament with five straight victories. The final game was a 4-1 victory over Michael Power. Pete Bodi was the leading scorer on the team with 6 goals and 9 assists. Goalie Paulo Pronio was picked the outstanding player on the team with a 2.4 average in 17 games with 41 goals against.

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## Cross Country 82-83 Summary

Last Sept. and Oct. the St. Michael's Cross Country team had an undefeated record in Boys' overall competition. The team won the East York, St. Michael's and TSSAA Invitationals. They were the Varsity AAA champions at the McQuaid Jesuit Invitational held in Rochester, New York, where they defeated many of the top ranked teams from the North-East.

At the TDCAA Championships the Blue Harriers won their fourth consecutive overall title. The Junior and Senior teams also won their respective divisions. The Juniors placed five runners in the top ten league finishers,

two of who were gold and bronze medalists, JOHN BOLAN and MIKE MCGOWAN. In the Senior division, St. Michael's had six of the top ten runners. THADY BLUNDELL placed first and RICHARD STRAZDS finished third. The Bantam team led by silver medalist, CHRIS LOFTUS, finished a strong third.

At the Provincial Championships in North York, the Junior team led by sixth place, JOHN BOLAN, finished second behind a very strong team from Thunder Bay. The Seniors ended the season with a third place provincial finish. It was a most enjoyable and rewarding season for coaches, PAUL BARRY and PAT MONAHAN.



# Former Teacher Edits Book

DR. MICHAEL HIGGINS, a Merton scholar, and former Assistant Department Head at St. Michael's College

School has recently edited a new book, THOMAS MERTON. PILGRIM IN PROGRESS, (Griffin House, Toronto)

## God, what have we done?

The following is a reprint from an article which originally appeared in *The Reporter*, the professional Catholic teachers journal. It is a report of an address given by Marty Story at the annual Christian Curriculum Development Conference in November of last year.

**By Aleda O'Connor**

We are all capable of monstrous acts. Martin Story, a teacher at St. Michael's college school, told those attending his CCDC workshop on nuclear arms and global peace that he believes, "the most monstrous act of all, once we recognize the danger of the danger of nuclear war, and our responsibility, is to do nothing" to say, like the Nazi war criminals: "I am not responsible, my government is responsible. I was just doing my duty."

"We should never forget the comment of the co-pilot of the plane which dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, 'My God, what have we done?'"

"Let that be our prayer until this nuclear arms race is ended," Story said.

"All of the scientists who worked on the Manhattan project, lived to regret all of the research they ever did on nuclear physics, including Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the nuclear bomb."

His comment after the first test blast was, "I am become death, the destroyer of worlds. We have just committed sin."

Story quoted Edmund Wilson, another of the scientists on the project: "I got so absorbed in this, that I never sat down and thought about the moral and ethical consequences of what we were doing. It only hit me on Aug. 6 after our bomb dropped on Hiroshima, killing an estimated 100,000 people instantly."

Wilson said that at that moment he felt sick, vomited, and he regretted everything he ever did, and has not worked for one minute on nuclear physics since then.

"Many of the scientists who worked on that project maintain that the root cause for all our major problems in society today can be traced right back to the arms race. It is really tearing our society apart."

"This is the sin of mankind, the sin of creation, This is what a survivor of the Holocaust aptly called the sacrament of evil," Story says.

"If we are not to experience what has been predicted, by people like Helen Caldicott, it is up to each one of us to take an individual part in protest and in prayer," Story continues.

Our culture is super-saturated with what Story calls a Soviet myth. He cites the observations of George Kennan, an expert on Soviet affairs, and a diplomat who served under seven presidents of the United States. Kennan has

just published a book on Soviet American relations, the *Nuclear Delusion*.

He says: "After all it was the U.S. that created as a base for their foreign policy, a nuclear umbrella and the Soviets cowered in fear and in anger, and retaliated with their own version of the arms race."

Leonid Brezhnev said last year: "The Soviet Union could never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a war. The United States was the first."

Kennan also says: "We have gone on piling new levels of destructiveness upon old ones. We have done this helplessly, almost involuntarily, like the victims of some sort of hypnotism, like men in a dream, like lemmings headed for the sea, like children of Hamelin marching blindly along behind the piper. We have achieved together with the Russians, levels of redundancy of such grotesque dimensions, as to defy rational understanding."

Kennan concludes by asking, "How dare anyone participate in the design of the extinction of mankind?"

Story suggests that this is what we are doing. "being silent. By going about business as usual. We are living in an age of death imagery and death symbolism. This has become the most important aspect of the twentieth century."

Robert Lifton, who has studied the effects of the arms race and its psychic effects, calls it nuclearism. "He says we have a psychological, political and military dependence on nuclear weapons. And this theme is affecting our working, our playing, and our ability to love."

Nothing in civilization today is free of its influence, says Story. "As Canadians we should recognize the special role that Canada has played in the development of nuclear arms."

"It was Canadian uranium that was used to manufacture the Nagasaki and Hiroshima bombs. And we are still mining uranium today, in Elliot Lake, and a lot of it is being shipped south of the border to manufacture nuclear arms. The United States is manufacturing three nuclear bombs each day."

He adds that Litton Industries is here in Toronto manufacturing the guidance system for the cruise missile, which is a first strike weapon. The Canadian government still supports the United States nuclear umbrella over North America and shortly the United States will be testing the cruise missile in Alberta.

Although this race means we could be consumed instantly, Canadians continue to go on with business as usual, Story complains. "But if we try to imagine what it means we can't. There are human resources around us that are not even trying to prevent this from happening."

Fear of nuclear war produces cynicism. "Others simply resign themselves to it and wait for the bomb."

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